

## Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

### WINTER HOLIDAY ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The Thanksgiving Holiday marks the traditional start of the winter holiday season, a period of increased risk for our Soldiers, civilian workers, and their family members. The opportunity to travel to visit family and friends, associated with unpredictable winter weather, increased traffic, and increased social activities during this festive season increase our risk for accident. Last year, TRADOC lost 16 Soldiers in privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents. As of 28 Nov 06, five TRADOC Soldiers have already died in POV accidents. This trend is unacceptable and must be addressed in an aggressive manner.

I need your personal involvement to raise safety awareness and reduce the risk of further tragedy during the coming holiday season. Leaders must be involved at every level and use every tool at their disposal to prevent the needless loss of life in POV accidents. Soldiers traveling by motor vehicle out of the local commuting area, whether on leave, pass or TDY should use the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, Army Safety Management Information System (ASMIS-2) <https://crc.army.mil>. In addition to reminding Soldiers of important vehicle safety information prior to a planned trip this allows the first-line supervisor to give a pre-trip safety brief.


While we may focus our efforts on preventing POV accidents do not lose sight of the other hazards associated with this season; alcohol abuse, fire, and criminal activity. Use a task force approach that brings together the resources of your command to address and attack these threats. The TRADOC Winter Safety Guide, which is posted on the TRADOC Safety web site, provides an excellent tool to assist in your accident prevention efforts.

I want to pass along my heartfelt appreciation for your continued dedication to the defense of our great nation and extend my best wishes for an enjoyable holiday. Protect our assets and "Own the Edge." With your support and personal involvement we will make a difference.

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